

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

Presentation of Fifth Report

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN (Chairman).—I beg to present the Fifth Report of the Committee on Estimates relating to Community Development, National Extension Service, Local Development Works and Rural Development Works.

LAND ACQUISITION (MYSORE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

Motion to suspend Rule 243

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—Before making a motion for reference of this Bill to the Joint Select Committee, I want to make a motion under Rule 322 of the Rules of Procedure of this House for suspension of a particular rule. Under our Rules of Procedure the number of members to be nominated from this House to the Joint Select Committee in proportion to the Legislative Council is 3 to 1. But under the Rules of Procedure of the Upper House the proportion is 2 to 1. Therefore there is need to suspend our Rule No. 243 which provides for membership of Joint Select Committees. Therefore I would seek the indulgence of the Chair and the House to move a motion for suspension of Rule 243. I may also add that the Rules of Procedure of the Upper House are under revision. A Committee is actually considering this question. Until the Council rules are suitably modified, our rule should stand suspended. Moreover I wish to clarify that this suspension is only in respect of this particular Bill.

I beg to move :

“That Rule 243 be suspended in its application to the motion for concurrence in the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to consider the Land Acquisition (Mysore) Extension and Amendment Bill, 1958.”

Mr SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That Rule 243 be suspended in its application to the motion for

concurrence in the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to consider the Land Acquisition (Mysore Extension and Amendment) Bill, 1958.”

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—Sir, I would oppose the motion. The motion was not circulated to us in advance and we are not aware of what the position is. I would suggest that instead of the Assembly suspending the rules, the Rules of Procedure of the Council be suspended. (Laughter).

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Where the rules of both Houses conflict, the convention should be that the rules of the Lower House should prevail.

Sri KADALMANJAPPA.—I would bring it to the attention of the Hon'ble Members that before we passed the new rules, the proportion was only 2 to 1.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—That is no consideration. This House has now fixed it at 3 to 1. That should stand.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The motion is very vague. We do not know for what period the rule should be suspended. The Revenue Minister may say that as long as the Council does not amend the rules, our rule should stand suspended. That is a vague proposition and anything vague should *prima facie* be rejected. Secondly, may I ask what is the particular reason for giving this Bill a discriminatory treatment, because, in respect of other bills we did not choose to alter the proportion. It is not as if this Bill is more important than the Land Reforms Bill itself.

2-30 P.M.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—After due consideration this House has agreed for the ratio 3 : 1.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The motion is for the suspension of rule 243 for concurrence in the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to consider the Land Acquisition Bill, 1958. So this is only in respect of one Bill.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Why this speciality?